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LARGER YELLOW SHEETS

We have now reached the point of slightly enlarging The Yellow Sheets. The price from now on, will be 30c for 12 issues, but all present subscribers will be carried at the former price, for the full time for which they have paid, some of them for ten years. I hope, with the help of my readers to further enlarge the paper, and make it a monthly issue.

L. D. COLE.

Though frost came unusually early, in mid-October, the autumn of 1946 has proven mild, killing frost occurring in mid-November. Today, second week of December, I found Wandering Jew still thriving in a sheltered spot. Our winter is due to begin shortly after Christmas. I came to Arkansas in 1894 and since then have seen snow at Christmas a very few times. Winter is due to last until the middle of February, and those few weeks, any kind of weather is normal—the crazier, the more normal.

Spring and spring gardening come in February. Sometimes very hardy stuff can be planted in late January. Always better if the ground can be prepared then. Our long gardening season is one of the factors which makes Western Arkansas such a favored section for old people, with very little to invest, and fixed incomes, so small that they mean destitution in a big northern city.

I wrote to one old lady of great intelligence and feeble health, asking her on how little an old woman of good character could live in one of our backwoods hill villages. I knew that she has neither rent nor taxes to pay, lives above actual destitution, but not

liberal comfort. She wrote me that she lives on between \$8. and \$10. a month; and that if she were able to make a garden for her own use, she could live on less. Another, who owns her own home, and has taxes and repairs to pay, told me that \$15 a month is comfortable living for an old woman, able to tend a small garden, keep half a dozen hens and a milk goat. Half an acre, well fenced, is ample ground for such living.

With our long season and companion and succession planting, only a fraction as much garden space is needed as in the North.

My friend and neighbor, Mrs. Hamby, managed to secure an unusual amount of food from a given space. She tried to get the ground prepared in January, or as soon thereafter as possible. She bought Onion plants, they being first year and hence better keepers than sets, and planted them crosswise in a long bed, about 40 in. wide. In late May, 2 rows of fall Cabbage were set lengthwise of the bed, a little nearer the center than the edges and the plants staggered in the rows. The Onions were pulled when ripe and the Cabbage had the bed until a good rain in August, when Irish Potatoes were planted in three rows, between the Cabbage, and between them and the edge. The Potatoes were either dug in December, or more dirt and leaves piled on the bed, and dug as wanted.

Irish Potatoes were planted in mid-February in an uneven number of rows, and dug when ripe. Mexican June Corn and Cow Peas were at once planted in same rows except the mid-

dle one, which carried a hill of Pumpkin and some winter Squash with just a stalk or two of Corn and some Peas between the hills. About mid-September, when rain was beginning to fall, she would go into the patch and broadcast White Big Boston Lettuce and Mustard seed, letting the rain cover it. Stalks and vines were left on the ground as mulch and she had salad all winter.

I have found that Sweet Corn can follow Beets; Snap Beans the Corn and be out of the way in time for winter salad. Tomato hills can be made ready in February, and space between the hills planted to Carrots and Radishes, planted in same drill. The Tomatoes will be out of the way in time for Winter Radishes.

The Ladies Garden Club of Mena, our county seat, made a survey of members' winter vegetable gardens, some years ago, and found some members getting over a dozen varieties from the garden in mid-winter.

DARLINGTONIA CALIFORNICA (Cobra Plant or Pitcher Plant). Unique snake headed plant. Eats insects and meat. A very good unusual house plant. Complete culture instructions with each plant. Very rare and scarce. Shipped now until April 10. \$1.25 each. California Redwood Burls. Grows in water. Has beautiful fern-like foliage. Very novel. 85c each. Rustic Redwood Wall Baskets. Nice for growing hanging plants for nice display. \$3.00 each. Many nice plants for spring. Send for price lists. Some varieties limited. Order early and avoid disappointment. Leatherman's Gardens, 925 Lee Ave., El Monte, Calif.

HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

HARDY SEDUMS. All Sedums I call hardy can survive 15 below zero without protection. Some of them are

hardy in the sub-Arctic. Most are fine for rock garden plants. Last year my Sempervivums made almost no increase. This year most are "hatching" chicks, and when my backlog of orders left from last year are filled, I hope to have a number of varieties of hardy Semps to offer. There is a rock garden plant par excellence. Most of the dwarf plants listed under other heads, and many of the wildlings, are also good for rock gardens.

I have wholesale quantities of the following Sedums: Sarmmentosum, hardy to subarctic, pendant effect. One sent me Glaucum, much like album, but different flowers and winter coloring; Album white flowers; evergreen with us, an album hybrid has never bloomed for me, color of foliage slightly different, a grey green one which I think is altissum, good in rock garden, dish garden or as a pot plant; Acre and Sexanfulare much alike but different, both dwarf and good ground cover for clayey spots; Maximoiczi, little known in U.S.A.—two varieties which are in dispute among the botanists who have seen them. The dealer from whom I bought them identified them as the rare pink-flowered Stoloniferum, and No. 28 as Stoloniferum coccinea; and the faculty of our State Experiment Station at Hope, Ark., agrees with him. Other botanists just as well posted say that both are unusual Spurium hybrids.

Have from one to a dozen plants of other varieties. Will trade, plant for plant, any Sedum listed for starts of others I do not have.

Any Sedum listed, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 5c.

Seven well-rooted, small clumps, all different, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 25c, postpaid.

If selection is left to me, 50 well-rooted Sedums, 10 varieties labeled, \$1.00.

If unlabeled, 1c each in lot of 25.

CONFEDERATE VIOLETS, grey effect, thrive in poor soil and can stand more sun than others.

WHITE VIOLETS, force easily for late winter blooming IF you can keep mice away from the tiny buds.

Red Tradescantia, so called from the winter color of the leaves. Mother plants I brought in from clay bank hillsides, light shade, had deep maroon colored flowers; but only the Lord Himself knows what color they will be in your garden. Anything from bluish white through all the shades of blue and purple to deep maroon, will be entirely normal. One of the native Spiderworts. Very hardy.

Any of the above plants 5c each, unless otherwise noted.

Christmas Fern, 2½ ft. tall. Green through the winter with us, becoming shabby in the spring. Needs shade. Good for base plantings on north side of house. Very hardy, 10c.

Ebony Spleenwort Fern, also green through winter, and unsightly in the spring. About 18 in. tall. Very hardy. Can stand more sun than the Christmas Fern, and often found growing in cracks of rocks and among roots of hardwood trees, 10c.

HARDY CACTI—10c EACH

OPUNTIA VULGARE (Common Prickly Pear) hardy, flower creamy yellow, fruit edible. Can be used as pot plant. Thrives in poor soil.

OPUNTIA VASEYI, hardy on the Colorado desert.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA, stately lawn plant, hardy here to 15 below.

OPUNTIA RAMOSISSIMA, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in rock

gardens, also good as pot plant.

An almost spineless *Opuntia* found here in only one spot that I know of. May be Beaver Tail.

HOUSE PLANTS

Common Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Large Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Green and White Wandering Jew, 5c.

Bryophyllums, 10c each.

Dark Red Coleus, 5c each.

Talinum, tender perennial, blooming early from seed. Tall, with pink flowers much like Baby's Breath. Seeds itself as far north as Topeka, Kansas. 5c each; 30c per doz.

Peanut Cactus (*Chamecerous Sylvestris*), 10c.

Opuntia Vilyi (dwarf tender), 10c.

Opuntia, either *elata* or *subelata*, not sure which, 10c.

Cactus *Echinopsis*, 10c.

(When the babies are big enough).

Opuntia robusta, a tall Prickly Pear with big pads. Makes a fine lawn specimen. Hardy here, 10c. Another *Opuntia* which I think is Beaver Tail. No stickers but plenty of the little tufts that get into fingers and clothes.

Unless otherwise stated, all plants whose prices are not given, are 5c each. Postage paid on orders of 50c or more. For less than that amount, please add 5c.

Until income is bigger, the Yellow Sheets will be published bi-monthly.

I have young well rooted *Sempervivums* but can identify only a few. 3 for 25c, either alike or different, as you prefer.

Owing to my age and health, am having to omit much of my rambling in the woods and confine my attention to unusual plants to be obtained otherwise.

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1c per word one insertion. Three insertions for the cost of two. Numbers and initials count as words.

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CROCHET—Toy Horse, with my simple instructions, 25c coin. Novelkraft, 3065 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 33, Penna.

ALL KINDS Plants and Bulbs for sale. Write for list. Trade for print bags. Mrs. Ethel Harmon, Saluda, S. C.

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EGGLESS, Butterless, Milkless, Fruit Cake; flour, shortening, salt, a little sugar or syrup, baking powder, spice, raisins or currants mixed in cold water, and baked. Simple; even persons who never cooked or baked, can make for own eating or sale; economical; delicious. Complete instructions 25c. R. G. Wilborn, 706-U, Judson Rives Bldg., Los Angeles 13, Cal.

POULTRY FOODS and Remedies that are made up easily at low cost, and do their work successfully, condition powders, egg producers, tonics, and remedies for all ailments of young and old poultry. Sell to both small and large poultry men at a splendid profit. All for \$1.00. R. G. Wilborn, 706-U, Judson Rives Bldg., Los Angeles 13, Cal.

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TALISMAN—Made by Indians in the jungles of South America from Balsa, the lightest wood known to mankind. Handpainted with your own sign of the Zodiac. Believed by Natives to bring Good Luck and ward off Evil.

A beautiful curosum you'll be happy to own. One Dollar Postpaid. To introduce this Talisman we include without additional charge a special 4-page astrological reading that tells what

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Tall blue wild Iris; dwarf wild Iris; old fashion blue Iris, and white Iris; perennial Phlox; 50c per doz.

Double sulphue Phoenix Daffodil; yellow cluster Narcissus; May Dill; paper white Narcissus; Snow Flake; yellow Campernelle Jonquils; blue Grape Hyacinths; Atamasco Lily; Fairy Lilies; Star of Bethlehem; Spring Beauty; Arrow Leaf Violet; Meadow Violet; Confederate Violet; white and pink Yarrow; blue and white Myrtle; Verbena; Larkspur; Ragged Robin; blue Nigella; annual Phlox; Hearts-ease; yellow Star Grass; Blueyed Grass; Partridgeberry; 25c per doz.

White, pink and Salmon Hibiscus; Mimosa; Button Bush; salmon Amaryllis.

South Carolina plants. Postage extra. Write for price list. Mrs. Ethel Harmon, Saluda, S. Car.

HARDY Rock Garden Plants, 20 labelled for \$1., postpaid. Ann Tegmeier, 4811 Decatur, Omaha, Nebr.

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FOR A GOOD SURPRISE Christmas Present. Before my wife passed out, she made so many nice fancy hand worked needle pieces, some worth more than dollars can buy.

Since her departure I have given up my gift shop, so what is left will go at a dollar each and 10c postage; except the new designed Dessert Fork, extra heavy silver plated for better wear. Sold at a dollar each; TWO will go for a dollar. If you eat pie or watermelon with it only once, you will be wedded to it. A NICE WAY TO GET A SURPRISE GIFT.

The first ones sending in a dollar and 10c postage will get the cream. Just inclose a dollar bill and 10c in post stamps.

Every package will be worth a dollar or more. If not satisfied, send it back and get your money. Address Edward W. Buehl, Route No. 1, Fallbrook, Calif. Kindly hand this to a neighbor or mail it to a friend.

AELIAGNUS (Oriental Cranberry); Quince; Bearing size; 50c each. Or exchange for Thornless Sweet Locust, and White and Weeping Mulberry trees; or white Blackberries; Hazel Nut, Persimmon or Pomgranett trees; Delta Fig trees. Or Ozark Huckleberry in spring. Or Bantam eggs or chicks. Write Julius Meisebach, R. 5, Hendersonville, N. Car.

GOLDEN SPUR DAFFODILS, 50 for \$1. Narcissus, 12 or more kinds, 50 for \$1. 6 kinds of Lilies, 12 for \$1. Postpaid in Arkansas. Mrs. Annie Hicklin, Mountain View, Ark.

REGISTERED Springer Spaniel Dogs and Puppies for sale. Good hunting stock. Mrs. Charles Hetzler, R. 1, Box 103, Albany, Wisc.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.—Ex. 20: 3.

The Lord demands absolutely that He and His law shall have first place with us. Obedience to his positive law must come before obedience to human authority.

When the coal miners left their duty, to gratify the vanity and craze for power of John L. Lewis, they knew they were causing suffering and possibly death for many. They knew that lack of coal would prevent the shipping of food to starving peoples; they knew that lack of coal would throw thousands out of work. They knew that their action was a brazen defiance of the laws of God. They were putting obedience to Mr. Lewis ahead of obedience to God, and the Lord will surely punish their wickedness. Yet the lawyers of these criminals have the brazen effrontery to denounce as "monstrous," the imposition of punishment and the protection of the public.

From what the papers say, Mr. Lewis grows quite sob sistery over the fact that these men who will injure the public for his gratification, work nine hours a day, six days a week. The poor, feeble dears! How puffectly dwedful! Fifty four hours a week. Most of my mature life has been in association with mothers of families, doing their own work. These women work seven days a week, and must have a lot of conveniences to get off with only fifty-four hours a week, and not counting up at nights with sick or fretful children. Men usually have more physical strength than women, but as to women's work being so much easier we mothers all know how quickly a strong man wilts, when he has to take care of a colicy baby. Yet we are supposed to think of men as the stronger sex. O yeah!

Lately I have been reading with much interest, a small brochure by Victor Tooley, entitled "Success For All," and published by Success Service, Norfolk, N. Y. So few of us live up to our possibilities. The talent the Lord has loaned us to put to use for increase is

laid away in a napkin of excuses, and then we pity ourselves and expect others to get quite sob sistery over our sad condition. I strongly suspect that many guardian angels are sorely tempted to give their charges a swift kick in the pants. "Success For All" gets down to brass tacks with suggestions how to actually put our lone talent out for increase.

I am constantly surprised at the many opportunities in this region, for elderly or handicapped persons, earning their own spending money. The principal requirements being honesty, brains, get up and hustle and don't give a darn about keeping up with Jones. A leaflet, "Fish Bait Unlimited," gives directions for at least three unusual money making opportunities, and at least one has big possibilities in a gardening direction.

There is a kitchen gadget which I cannot find advertised, but which I hope, if not already invented, some one will have the brains to invent it. And that is a kitchen grist mill with a capacity of about half a pint, can be plugged into an ordinary light socket, and when not in use, be put away in a cupboard drawer.

Here in the South, climate and soil are not as well adapted to sugar Corn as in the North. But intelligent seed growers have turned their attention to the development of bread Corn which makes the use of northern corn meal a genuine hardship. True our best bread corns are white, lacking in Vitamin A. But we have so many other sources of that Vitamin that we have no need to eat horse feed to get it.

The North simply cannot compete with us in this, for Hickory King, one of our finest, takes a full 130 days for maturity. Johnson County White, another fine one with a much bigger ear, takes from 160 to 180 days for full maturity. But this fine meal cannot be

shipped as is, except under special conditions which add much to cost. The germ which contains the important Vitamin E will not keep long after grinding. About two weeks is a safe limit. But the unground Corn will keep more than a year, under reasonable conditions. If this little electric grist mill were available at moderate cost, a northern family could order shelled Corn in bulk, and grind their meal as needed. And then they would understand why Southerners are so wedded to our cornbread.

My laboratory experiments with white rats have convinced me that Vitamin E controls the emotions to as great an extent as B does the motor centers. So, if a member of your family is growly and snappy, just feed them some southern cornbread.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets."—Matthew 7: 12.

Jesus' words seem to include this obligation in our duty and business lives. Since the close of the actual fighting, this country has been beset by strikes, called by labor unions, mostly demanding more money for the members. What a howl they would put up if employers banded together, caused unemployment, suffering to others, and worked against the interest of the whole country for the sake of more profit. Then does the greater voting power of the unions justify them in doing what they would denounce in others?

We have written history for nearly six thousand years. Inflation always comes from increased buying power and decreased production. The fantastic wages encouraged by the New Deal have vastly increased buying power. Government price fixing all through

the ages, has always resulted in scarcity of production in the long run. Labor restrictions increase the cost of building, hence higher rents. Seems to me the country would profit from more attention to the commands of Jesus, and less attention to the votes of wrong doers.

My son, Ralph, served in the African campaign in Tunisia. We know that Watermelons are native to Africa, but he tells me that while there he did not see a Watermelon weighing over 10 pounds. When he told them of our Dixie melons, his friends were politely skeptical, but when, unfortunately, he told of the big melons raised around Hope, Ark., they just knew he was another Baron Munchausen. Now I think it would be nice for some families to save a packet of seed from some extra nice, big melon and send it through the Red Cross as a personal gift to some Arab farmer. Ralph says that if one of those farmers could get a fair percentage of 15 and 20 pound melons he would be the Watermelon king of his neighborhood and would have no trouble getting the equivalent of \$2 each, in Arab money, for such whoppers. They are a proud people and might resent the suggestion that they need better seed, but a friendly gift suggesting that they might like to try American seed, would in my opinion, go further toward establishing good feeling toward us than a lot of political blah.

Am not interested in Catfish bait. First time I went fishing, got into quick sand. Second time, a bank caved in and I fell into a slough. Companions had to scrape me. Third time, mosquitoes feasted on me, and I decided

that it was predestinated for me not to be a fisherman.

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Oak Leaf Lettuce is an old variety lately revived and an extra good one for hot weather. I tried it also for winter planting last fall. The lettuce did well but the chickens found it and kept it grazed down. From the way my chickens like Sedums Album, Glaucum and Fosteristanum I think the trimmings or those three would prove good green stuff for Canaries.

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Ruth, our milk doe, likely to freshen in the next few days. No idea how much milk we will get, because I do not stint the kid, or kids. At weaning time (end of two months) she gives four quarts daily, gradually diminishing, until, at the end of tenth month, she is down to a full pint. Then I turn her dry. A milk goat is truly a poor man's cow. Ruth has been staked all her life, and thrives on it. Much of the feed, root crops and roughage can be raised in the home garden, depending on length of season, and so little bought feed is needed to balance the ration, that the cost of milk is very low. But to do her best, a milk doe needs very gentle handling.

A. F. Whitney of the Railway Trainmen is said to have said that prayers are going up "in the hope that the day will come when democracy will again reign in America and labor can again assert it's rights without being shackled by government."

What rights? We mothers know that spoiled brats always consider being made to behave, an infringement of their rights.